

# The Boulevard


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The City of Bellaire is an active community. Below is a list of upcoming special events and important dates to remember. For more information on these and other activities, check out the [City Events Calendar](#).

Watch for the Fall 2015 [Leisure Activities Guide](#).

### October

- Oct 6 National Night Out
- Oct 9 The KLOCKS—Free concert in the park
- Oct 10 Used Book Sale
- Oct 17 Fire Truck Pull
- Oct 24 Tents N Town
- Oct 29 Pumpkin Hunt

### November

- Nov 3 Election Day
- Nov 7 Bellaire Recycles Fest
- Nov 26/27 **Thanksgiving Holiday**—City offices closed, No garbage pick up

### December

- Dec 3 Holiday in the Park
- Dec 24/25 **Christmas Holiday**—City offices closed, No garbage pick up

For more Community Happenings see back page

## Talkin' Trash!

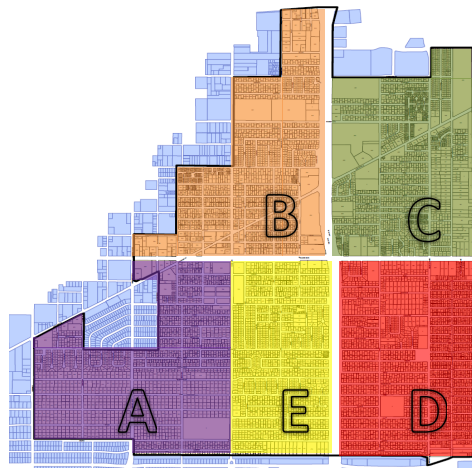
### New Solid Waste Routes

Beginning Monday, October 5, 2015, the City of Bellaire will implement new collection routes for household garbage, curbside recycling and limbs/brush. These changes will improve the services to the residents and allow for the establishment of a holiday schedule to minimize service interruptions.

Residents will receive a magnet in the mail for their specific area that shows their new holiday schedule.

If you have any questions about the schedule or any of our services, please don't hesitate to contact the Public Works office either by phone, or email. Our office number is 713-662-8170 and our email address is [pw@bellairetx.gov](mailto:pw@bellairetx.gov).

Solid Waste Service Changes Summary  
[www.bellairetx.gov/SWChanges](http://www.bellairetx.gov/SWChanges)



Service	Area Covered Crew Assigned				
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Solid Waste Pickup #1	A, B, E	C, D			
Solid Waste Pickup #2				A, B, E	C, D
Recycling		B	A, C, D		E
Limbs/Brush	D	E	B	C	A

## bellaire beginnings>>>

On September 29, 1931, the City Council adopted an ordinance appointing a Fire Marshal. A movement had been underway for some time for fire protection and a group, Bellaire Community Club, was formed to urge City Council to buy a fire truck and form a volunteer fire Department.

On December 12, 1932, a Pierce Arrow Model 81 Touring Car was purchased by the city for \$85. The car was converted at an additional expense of \$600 and put into operation, May 1933. The first Fire Prevention Week was proclaimed in Bellaire on September 26, 1933.

October 2015 is Fire Prevention Month in Bellaire!



## Employee Spotlight

### Projects and Services

Not sure which roads to avoid on the morning commute to work? Check out the [major construction projects](#) and their affected areas as Bellaire works toward improving streets and sidewalks.

Visit the [Public Works Department website](#) for detailed information on construction projects, recycling and waste collection and report problems in the [Resident Request Center](#)

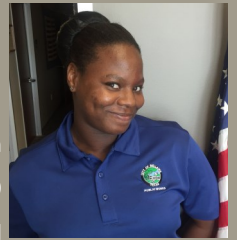
**George Stredic**  
Solid Waste  
Equipment Operator



George has been with Public Works for 19 years. He started out as temporary employee working on the back of the garbage truck before he joined full time. His favorite part of the job is interacting with the residents and helping them.

George lives in Southwest Houston with his wife. He has one daughter. He enjoys bowling in his spare time.

**Sheneka Gulley**  
Solid Waste Laborer



Sheneka has been with Public Works for 9 months. She learned about the City when she was a temporary employee on assignment for the garbage bag delivery. Her favorite part of her job is the residents!

Sheneka lives in Northeast Houston with her husband, two boys, one girl and one on the way! In her spare time, she enjoys watching movies.

### Park Improvements



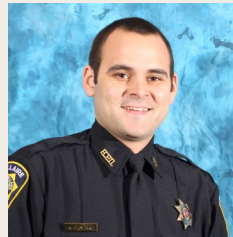
#### Lafayette Park

The playground replacement at Lafayette Park has been completed. The new structure features several slides, a see saw, and a tilt-a-whirl, among other things. Ground level play events will accommodate children of all physical abilities.

The next improvement to come to Lafayette Park will be new fencing along the perimeter and near the soccer field, and after that new benches and picnic tables.

### police >>>

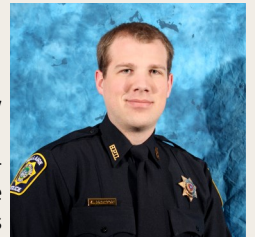
**Blake Bellard**  
Police Officer



Blake has been in law enforcement 2 years. He decided to become a police officer after a meeting with a Houston Police Officer at a young age and hearing how he helped the community. Blake joined the City of Bellaire in 2014 after a current Bellaire Officer told him about the closeness of the department and working for a community that is involved is a rewarding experience.

Blake lives in the Katy area and is Married to his high school sweetheart who is expecting their first child. He stays active by running 5k races with his wife.

**Alex Proctor**  
Police Officer



Alex has been in law enforcement 2 years. One reason Alex decided to become a police officer was to help kids that were dealing with being bullied. Alex knows how the victim of being a bully can impact a young person and as a police officer, he is able to provide advice and guidance. Alex started with the City of Bellaire in 2014 and is currently working on night shift, which he really enjoys due to the broad spectrum of calls.

Alex lives near the Medical Center and is married with no children. Alex enjoys martial arts and is a gunsmith. He and his wife like to attend Concerts in the Park and Trolley Tunes when they have free time.

### House Watch

If you are leaving for vacation, follow some simple steps:

- Contact the Bellaire Police Department for a House Watch
- Use an automatic timer for lights
- Check your burglar and fire alarm is working properly before you leave
- Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your home
- Cancel your newspaper and mail deliveries (USPS will hold mail for up to 30 days)
- Ask a family member or neighbor to collect your mail and any packages that are delivered

# Holiday Safety Tips

## ENJOY A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON

### PICK-POCKETS & IDENTITY THEFT

- Bring Only the Cash & Credit Cards You Need
- Do Not Carry Your Social Security Card or Passport
- Don't Let Others Distract You in Crowded Areas. Your Personal Belongings are at Risk.
- Limit the Use of Your Cell Phone in Public



### HOME BURGLARY PREVENTION

- If You are Traveling Ask a Neighbor to Watch the House
- Put Timers on Different Lights Throughout the Interior and Exterior of the House
- Have Newspapers, Mail and Deliveries Held or Picked Up by Someone You Trust

### PERSONAL SAFETY



- Park in Well-Lighted & Well Traveled Areas
- Avoid Overloading Yourself with Packages
- Be Aware of Your Surroundings



### AUTO BREAK-INS

- Leave Nothing Visible in the Car
- Keep Doors & Trunk of Vehicles Locked
- Keep Packages in the Trunk while Shopping
- Never Leave a GPS System or Mount Visible



### CREDIT CARDS

- Shop Only at Secure Websites
- Do Not Respond to Emails Asking You for Personal or Credit Card Information
- Check Your Credit Card & Bank Statements Regularly for Fraudulent Use

## Election Day, Nov 3

The City of Bellaire will hold a general election on November 3 for Mayor, Council Position 2, Council Position 4, and Council Position 6 and a special election for Council Position 5

### Candidates for Mayor:

Robert Riquelmy and Andrew Friedberg

### Candidates for Councilman-Position 2

Trisha S. Pollard and Jill Bullard Almaquer

### Candidates for Councilman-Position 4

Pat McLaughlan

### Candidates for Councilman-Position 6

David R. Montague and Kevin Newman

### Special Election Councilman-Position 5

Michael Fife and Susan Downs

### Polling locations for Bellaire:

Precinct 128: Bellaire Civic Center, Bellaire City Hall, 7008 South Rice Avenue

Precinct 182: Horn Elementary School (Horn Academy), 4530 Holly Street

Precinct 214: The Gatherings Banquet Hall, 5200 Bissonnet Street

Precinct 215: Faith Lutheran Church, 4600 Bellaire Boulevard

Precinct 268: Christ Church Presbyterian Fellowship Hall, 4925 Bellaire Blvd

For help in finding your precinct or early voting locations please call the library at 713.662.8160 or visit [harrisvotes.com](http://harrisvotes.com)

### Important dates to remember:

October 5—Last day to register to vote

October 19—Early voting begins

October 30—Last day for early voting

[Early Voting Locations Schedule](#)

## development activity >>>

### In Residential Construction News:

There was a 6.45% decrease in the number of new homes constructed during June-August of 2015 when compared to the same period for 2014.

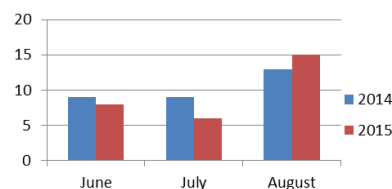
### Code Corner:

Sec 16-7.-Garbage generated or collected by commercial tree trimming, lawn maintenance, gardening or landscaping services, handymen, or any others not considered the occupant.

It shall be unlawful for any commercial tree trimming, lawn maintenance, gardening or land-

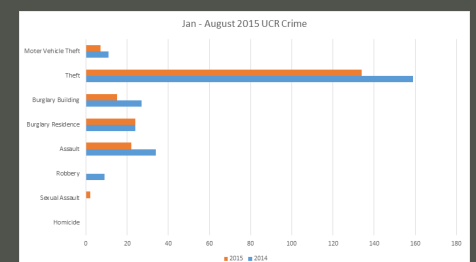
scaping services, handymen or any others not considered the occupant who shall be employed within the city limits to prune or trim tree, hedge, or bush, to fail to haul away grass, tree, hedge, bush and landscape trimmings from the city limits of the to a point outside the city limits.

City of Bellaire  
New Home Construction



## Crime Report

For the eight months of 2015 crime was down 20.3% as compared with the first eight months of 2014. A slight increase in robbery (1) during this period.





## Concert in the Park

**Friday, Oct. 9, 2015**

8:00 p.m.  
Bellaire Town Square

Join us for a free, fun filled evening with The KLOCKS! Specializing in Top -40 cover songs. The KLOCKS play everything from today's hits and 80's fun to classic country favorites. Bring your friends and expect to have a great time!



## Pumpkin Hunt

**Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015**

4:30 p.m.  
Loftin Park

Come dressed in your Halloween best and hunt for toy, candy and prize filled pumpkins! For kids ages 10 and under. Free admission.



## Holiday in the Park

**Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015**

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Bellaire Town Square



Welcome Santa to Bellaire! Holiday in the Park marks the start of the holiday season with food, fun and live entertainment! Pictures with Santa on the gazebo, snow slides, petting zoo, pony rides and much, much, more!

Go to [www.bellairetx.gov](http://www.bellairetx.gov) for more information on City events!

## bellaire city council >>>

### Regular Meetings

1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at 7 p.m.

-Located in Bellaire City Council Chambers

-Sign up to speak by clicking on a [meeting date](#) online or filling out a [speaker form](#).

Agendas, minutes and videos from past meetings are available [online](#).

## Community Happenings Continued...

**Saturday/Sunday October 17 & 18**

Pumpkin Patch at Nature Discovery Center, 7112 Newcastle, Bellaire, TX  
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pumpkins, craft vendors, food, games, prizes and more fill the park with activity.

**Saturday, October 17**

Condit Elementary Fall Carnival  
Loftin Park

**Saturday/Sunday October 17/18 and 24/25**

Fall New Home Showcase

Benefiting Evelyn's Park

For more information please visit their website [www.evelynspark.org](http://www.evelynspark.org)

**Saturday, October 22**

Wine. Dine. Design

6:00 p.m.—9 p.m.

Go to [www.evelynspark.org](http://www.evelynspark.org) for ticket information

**Saturday, October 31**

Horn Fall Carnival, Horn Field

**Friday, November 20**

Twilight Gala

6:30 p.m. —11:00 p.m. Houstonian Hotel

Benefits Nature Discovery Center.

Please visit [www.naturediscoverycenter.org](http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org) for information.

**Saturday, November 21**

Fall Fever Fun Run 7:45 a.m.

[Bellaire High School PTO](#)

**Friday, November 27**

Burn the Bird Exercise Class

[www.evelynspark.org](http://www.evelynspark.org)



## Gulf Coast Reads 2015

### Author Visit

**Thursday, October 22**

Bellaire Civic Center 7:00 pm

Meet Ann Weisgarber, author of "The Promise", this year's selection for Gulf Coast Reads.

What you can do on the City of Bellaire's [website!](#)

- Submit a service request via the [Resident Request Center](#)
- Watch past City Council meetings
- Pay your utility or court bill
- Renew/search/hold a library book
- Search crime/call database
- Download permit forms
- Get fire prevention tips
- Register for recreation classes
- ...and much more!



Fire Fighters Ed Dannenbaum, Martin Wheeler and David Cagigas enjoy the National Night Out Kick Off Party on September 26.

### New Faces!

Shadae Martin, PARD, April 13  
Daryl Smith, Facilities, July 6  
David Rocha, Police, July 12  
Christopher Bledsoe, Police, August 3  
Michael Manriquez, Police, August 3  
Yesenia Oretga, Police, August 3  
Matthew Rodriguez, Police, August 3  
Patrick LaPointe, Police Communication, August 3  
Thomas Girt, Jr, Fire, September 3  
Velvia Whiting, Public Works, September 7

Want to be part of the team? The City currently has [available employment opportunities](#).

## Long-Range Planning for Library Services

The Library is preparing a long-range plan for library services that you use or would like to add.

Let us hear from you!



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December 21, 2015—7:00 pm Civic Center  
Please join us for a Reception for  
outgoing Council Members